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In re Application of :
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Application No. 09/919,994 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 2, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 27, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of thirty (30) days. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 28, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1970.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on April 2, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, the extension of time filed with the instant petition is unnecessary and the fee will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry D. Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1711.

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